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TITLE: METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR CONTROLLING
MICROMECHANICAL ELEMENT

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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified, enclosed patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 40 as rewritten below:

40. An arrangement according to claim 38, **characterized** in that the control electrodes are at least partly covered by a dielectric layer to prevent a galvanic contact between said control electrodes and the micromechanical element.